

JAN 04 2006

Attorney's Docket No. 035576/233803

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No.: 09/842,466 Confirmation No.: 8005
Applicant(s): Kokubo et al.
Filed: 04/26/2001
Art Unit: 1616
Examiner: H. Sheikh
Title: SOLID PREPARATION COATED WITH A FILM COATING LAYER AND
FILM COATING AGENT

Customer No.: 00826

Mail Stop AF
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**NOTICE OF APPEAL TO THE BOARD OF PATENT
APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES (37 C.F.R. § 43.31)**

Applicant in the above-identified patent application hereby appeals to the Board of Appeals and Interferences from the decision dated July 28, 2005, rejecting the following Claims 6-9, 11, 13-20 and 31-47.

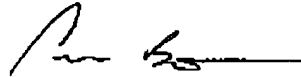
The fee for this Notice of Appeal under 37 CFR § 41.20(b)(1) is enclosed.

- ☐ Applicant claims small entity Status.
- ☐ A check is enclosed.
(\$500.00 for large entity fee or \$250.00 if small entity status)
- ☒ Please charge Deposit Account No. 16-0605 for the Notice of Appeal Filing Fee of \$500.00.
- ☒ Any additional fee or refund may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 16-0605.
- ☒ A petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) is enclosed.

01/05/2006 JBALINAN 00000038 160605 09842466
01 FC:1401 500.00 DA

In re: Kokubo et al.
Appl. No.: 09/842,466
Filing Date: 04/26/2001
Page 2

Respectfully submitted,



Timothy J. Balts
Registration No. 51,429

CUSTOMER NO. 00826
ALSTON & BIRD LLP
Bank of America Plaza
101 South Tryon Street, Suite 4000
Charlotte, NC 28280-4000
Tel Charlotte Office (704) 444-1000
Fax Charlotte Office (704) 444-1111

I hereby certify that this paper is being facsimile transmitted to the U. S. Patent and Trademark Office at
Fax No. (571) 273-8300 on the date shown below.



Grace R. Rippey

January 4, 2006
Date